GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services- Sri G. Ramakrishna Rao, formerly Assistant Director, now retired as DD, O/o DoI - Negligence in verifying the genuineness of fake certificates submitted by Sri A. Vinod Kumar and Sri D. Devanand, Record Assistant thereby enabled them in securing promotion as Junior assistants – Violation of A.P Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules,1991 r/w Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules,1980 - Articles of charges – Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE(VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 60 **Dated: 07-04-2025**
Read the following:

1. Letter No.2262/Vig.A2/2021; dt:07.10.2021 from Prl. Secretary to Govt., & CIP(FAC), I & C Dept., Secretariat, Telangana
2. From the Ind & Com (Vig) Dept., Govt of Telangana Lr.No.2262/Vig.A2/2021, dt.09.09.2024.
3. G.O.Ms.No.47, Industries& Commerce(Vig) Dept., dt:07.04.2025

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ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub clause (i) of Clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules,1980 for initiating departmental action against Sri G. Ramakrishna Rao, formerly Assistant Director, now retired as DD, O/o DoI vide reference 3rd read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri G. Ramakrishna Rao, formerly Assistant Director, now retired as DD, O/o DoI, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991. The enquiry shall be conducted/ caused to be conducted by Secretary to Govt. (Industries), AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed.

3. Sri G. Ramakrishna Rao, formerly Assistant Director, now retired as DD, O/o DoI, is directed to submit his written statement of defense within ten days of the receipt of this order and also state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of

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charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri G. Ramakrishna Rao, formerly Assistant Director, now retired as DD, O/o DoI, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control, and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or orders/ directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri G. Ramakrishna Rao, formerly Assistant Director, now retired as DD, O/o DoI, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Sri G. Ramakrishna Rao, formerly Assistant Director, now retired as DD, O/o DoI, (w.e, Annexures-I to IV) through the Director of Industries, APIIC Towers, Mangalagiri (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).
The Director of Industries, APIIC Towers, Mangalagiri.
Copy To:
Sc/Sf.

//FORWARDED: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST Sri G. RAMAKRISHNA RAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RETIRED) FROM O/o. THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES.

Charge 1: That Sri G. Ramakrishna Rao, formerly Assistant Director, now retired as DD O/o, DOI, has failed to verify the genuineness of fake Degree Certificate produced by Sri A. Vinod Kumar and Sri D. Devanand, Record Assistants, which were issued by Registrar, Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management University, Sikkim, and ordered Assistant Accounts Officer, O/o the Commissioner of Industries to make necessary entries in the Service Registers at his level without verifying the genuineness of the certificates. Thus he violated the A.P Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the Charge.

Basis of Charge:

1. Promotion orders of Sri A. Vinod Kumar, RA and Sri D. Devanand, RA to the post of Junior Assistants.
2. Joining Reports of above individuals
3. Govt. of Telangana, Memo. No. 3005/IE, Sugar & IFR/2017-4, Dated:19-10-2018 of Industries & Commerce Dept., (Fake Degree confirmation from UGC and The Human Resource Development Department, Sikkim).
4. Govt. of Telangana Memo. No. 3005/IE, Sugar & IFR/2017, Dated: 28-05-2020 of Industries & Commerce Dept.,
5. Govt. of Telangana Letter No. 2262/Vig.A2/2021, Dated: 07-10-2021.

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Annexure-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST Sri G. RAMAKRISHNA RAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RETIRED) FROM O/o. The DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES

It is submitted that the DOI, Hyderabad vide Procgs. No 23/2/2010/0854 /20878/FD, Dt: 20.07.2013, has issued promotion orders. In respect of Sri A. Vinod Kumar, and Sri D. Devanand, Record Assistants as Junior Assistants, and in the proceedings, it was informed that the promotions awarded to them are purely temporary under emergency provision of Rules, and they are liable for reversion at any time without prior notice and without assigning any reasons to thereof.

The promotion orders were also subject to the outcome of confirmation of the genuineness of their Degree Certificates obtained from the concerned University. Further they were also directed to execute an affidavit to this effect. Accordingly, the individuals have reported to duty on the 20.07.2013 FN as Junior Assistants after executing the affidavit.

The Director of Industries, Govt. of Telangana vide Lr., Dt:03.06.2017 has requested the Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Telangana to regularize the services of the individuals in the cadre of Junior Assistants, as no information was received by them from the University with regard to the genuineness of the Certificates, which were produced by the individuals.

The matter was addressed to the University Grants Commission, New Delhi on the genuineness of Degree Certificates issued to Sri A. Vinod Kumar and Sri D. Devanand, by Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management University, Sikkim. In turn, the University Grants Commission, New Delhi addressed a letter to the Director, Higher Education Dept., Government of Sikkim to furnish information to the Govt. of Telangana under intimation to them. Thereupon, the Joint Director Higher Education SPIO, Human Resource Development Department, Sikkim has informed to the Government of Telangana that Bachelor of Arts, General is not recognised by UGC/DEC for EIILMU, Sikkin and provisional degree & mark sheet of Sri A.Vinod Kumar bearing enrolment No.EIILMU/08/F/2123279 and that of D.Devanand bearing enrolment No.EIILMU/08/F/2123283 are not valid/genuine.

As per report it is found that the then Assistant Director, now Deputy Director (Retired) while working as Assistant Director, O/o DOI has first ordered Assistant Accounts Officer, O/o. the Commissioner of Industries to make necessary entries in the Service Registers at his level without verifying the genuineness of the certificates and later, as per instruction of Additional Director, he has instructed the Accounts Officer to verify the genuineness of the university and the institution from which the

employees obtained the Degree Certificate and also to check the original certificates before issue of promotions. Thus, he violated the A.P Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence, the Charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST Sri G. RAMAKRISHNA RAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RETIRED) FROM O/o. THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES.

1. Promotion Orders of Sri A. Vinod Kumar, RA and Sri D. Devanand, RA to the post of Junior Assistant.
2. Joining Reports of above individuals.
3. Govt. of Telangana Memo. No. 3005/IE, Sugar & IFR/2017-4, Dated:19-10-2018 of Industries & Commerce Dept. (Fake Degree confirmation from UGC and the Human Resource Development Department, Sikkim).
4. Govt. of Telangana Memo. No. 3005/IE, Sugar & IFR/2017, Dated 28-05-2020 of Industries & Commerce Dept.
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ANNEXURE-IV

List of Witnesses:

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